

MSDI Names Framework Workgroup Meeting
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Montana State Library Grizzly Conference Room

Attendees:

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This is a summary of tasks that the workgroup needs to accomplish, interspersed with comments from the attendees as appropriate.

1. Get a copy of the USGS database and make it available at the State Library.
 - a. Determine whether Lee or Gerry should ask for it from USGS
 - b. Apply Gerry's changes from 2007 to the data if possible. (USGS still plans on doing this eventually)
2. Find out if the USGS is planning on revising the data model and when.
3. Do a user survey to find what users need in the GNIS. Mike's requirements are in the next bullets, which we all agreed are desirable.
4. Make the data available in a geodatabase in the Fire Center's schema. Devise a flat-file schema for the database that will include a separate record for each alternate name. Make the files available from the State Library.
5. Web Services
 - a. Do we need a service similar to the USGS one?
 - b. Make a crowd-sourcing service for submitting updates to the Theme Steward
 - c. Cartographic service and application
 - d. Link between MTGNF service and Framework features
 - e. WFS-G
 - i. The WFS-G service is intended to allow automated loading of changes into the database.
 - ii. Cubewerx contract with USGS ends in December (Mike has since told us that they can still work until at least Sep 30 2011.)
 - iii. Mike will call Jeff at Cubewerx to set up a demo of the GSS service (Mike has since told us that he and Jeff are working on setting up a December teleconference).
6. Advertise the services!
7. The workgroup should apply for an MLIAC grant to fund work on the layer and set up the services. The deadline is in January for grant funds that would start on July 1.
 - a. The grant application will require a work plan.
 - b. How much time and funding will this work require?
8. Rules governing the acceptance of names into the layer need to be written. These could just be internal rules, but eventually we need legislation to govern how the State recognizes official names and to set up a board to make the decisions. Current law is very sparse, and what is there is contradictory. See <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca/2/15/2-15-149.htm> and <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca/85/2/85-2-131.htm>
9. How much room is in the GNIS data schema for the history of each name? Does the MTGNF need to allow more space? The MTGNF could store considerable information about a name, such as what is in the Montana Place Names Companion (<http://mtplacenames.org>).